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Title: Regarding Assam Gas Cracker Project at Lapatkata, Dibrugarh, Assam.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL (DIBRUGARH): Respected Deputy-Speaker, Sir, as you know, 21 years ago, the Government of India had promised the people of Assam that they will set up a Gas Cracker Project in the district of Dibrugarh which will utilize the natural gases available in the oil field of Assam. But, upto today, nothing has come out, though on the last 18th of April, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs have cleared the Project giving GAIL the major responsibility with other partners, namely, Oil India, NRL and Government of Assam. But, Sir, I am sorry to say that the Government of India is not considering the matter seriously. As a result, nothing has come out in reality.

People of Assam since Independence have not got any major industry in Assam. This is the only unit through which industrialization is possible to develop entire Assam as well as the entire Region. It is our legitimate demand that this particular Project should be immediately set up. For setting up of this Project, strong will is necessary on the part of the Government of India. Now, it has become a talk of the State that still this uncertainty has prevailed due to the non-fixation of prices of feedstock. It is my sincere appeal, and also my sincere demand before the Government of India that as per their commitment they should immediately implement the project in the Dibrugarh district at Lapatkata. Before handing over that particular Lapatkata land to GAIL authorities, specific compensation and rehabilitation package should be spelt out and it should be given to the land affected people of Lapatkata.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please sit down. Now, nothing is going on record.

*(Interruptions)**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): The Government is keeping its commitment; work is going on; land is in the process of being

*Not recorded.

acquired; joint venture company between the Government of Assam and the other

stakeholders already has been signed, and the company is in a process of registration. Regarding feedstock price also, the problem will be looked into and it will be done. It is our commitment; we will do it.